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EDITOR'S CORNER

Let Lambda be your guide

Feeling fearful? Unsure of where to go for what advice at the university?

I feel your pain. I've been there... not too long ago, in fact. Try last August. Yup, while I may be a fourth-year student, this is really only my second year at the university. Transfer credits and such. But as the editor-in-chief of Lambda for 2005-2006, I came to realize that I had a unique perspective to offer to the new students arriving here at Laurentian: the experience of my first-year hasn't been relegated to the depths of my memory just yet. In fact, there are still a few unanswered questions that plague me about this place, but I digress.

It seems that, just as I was getting settled into my new job, I realized that I had to start brainstorming what sort of Frosh issue I wanted to produce this year. The Frosh issue is one you always want to make sure you get right. You only get to put one together. It was then that I was approached by one of the departments at the school, who wanted to talk to me about writing an article informing the students about what it is that they offer. It



seems some students were pretty confused. Then, I began to realize if this department was having that problem, then probably a few others found themselves in similar shoes. So I thought to myself, 'Maybe what we need to do here is try to make things as clear as possible for the new students coming in.' And heck, I couldn't think of a better place to do something like that than in this Frosh edition that you now hold in your hands.

The idea here is that, with

this Frosh edition in hand, you should be able to navigate through some of the pitfalls of your first year here on campus. Now by no means is this a complete listing of every service and department that Laurentian has available. Instead, it is one humble human being's attempt to try and bring some clarity to a world that is all-too-often pretty hazy... especially when you are trying to process all of this new information in a short period of time.

My goal here is to not only create a Frosh issue that will introduce you to Laurentian, but also one that you may keep handy for the months to come for when you go looking to join an Exchange program, or for when you need to recall exactly what Student Services can do for you, or exactly what the rules for returning that text book you bought and don't need are. That's just some of the stuff you'll find in this paper.

And if I can convince you to hold on to one page of this issue, hopefully you'll keep that list of Academic Advisors. Believe it or not, I've met people who have some pretty serious questions about the courses they need to

take, and they're in their fourth year. They've never even bothered to see their Academic Advisor, and now they are in quite a pickle because they are missing a course they needed. Sounds strange, but it happens. I know Academic Advisors who have confessed to me that they've had fourth-year students turn up in some of their classes that they've never even met. So if you want to ensure you are taking all the courses you need to graduate, I suggest you pop your head into your Academic Advisors office.

You'll also find lots of interesting stuff about the upcoming weeks as far as the fun events that the Student General Association / Association generale des etudiantes and the Laurentian Off-Campus Students Association have cooked up for you.

So read, enjoy, and hopefully you'll continue to pick-up (and maybe even write for) Lambda as the course of the year rolls on.

Trust me, you are in for one fun year.

- Neil Zacharjewicz
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SPACE FOR RANT

Something eating away at the back of your mind that you just absolutely feel you need to share with others? Well, that's what this space is for. In the proud Lambda tradition, Space For Rant is back for another year. We invite readers of our publication the opportunity to speak their mind on the issues that affect us all.

Didn't like something you read in Lambda? Fire away! Frustrated with one of the many issues going on around campus? That's why we're here. Space For Rant is your space... the reader's space... to have your say and share your message with a broader audience.

There is only one catch: Lambda reserves the right to edit your submissions in keeping with libel law, so please try to avoid slanderous or maliciously attacking anyone within these pages. Follow that one simple rule, and the sky is the limit.

So how exactly do you submit a piece for Space For Rant... it's easy! Email us at lambda@laurentian.ca, call us at (705) 673-6548, or drop us a letter in the mail at SCE 301 Student Centre, Laurentian University, Sudbury, ON P3E 2C6.

Remember: Lambda is the voice of the students. Make sure your voice is heard.

So you think you can write, eh?

Then why not join the LAMBDA news team.

Currently, there are a whole slate of open positions here at LAMBDA needing to be filled. In addition to the opportunity to write a few articles, you can learn other valuable skills such as desktop publishing and editing.

This year LAMBDA is being headed up by Editor-In-Chief Neil Zacharjewicz, who brings with him eight years worth of experience in the community newspaper business that he is more than willing to share with others who have an interest in the field of journalism.

Or perhaps you just fancy seeing your name in print.

Either way, LAMBDA could use your help.

Available positions include Sports Editor, Arts & Entertainment Editor, Science & Technology Editor, as well as opportunities for freelancers and photographers who just want to contribute the occasional piece.

So sharpen up that resume and drop on by.

For details in joining the LAMBDA team, drop by the LAMBDA office in Room SCE-301, in the Student Centre.

Hiring will commence in September.

CAMPUS NEWS

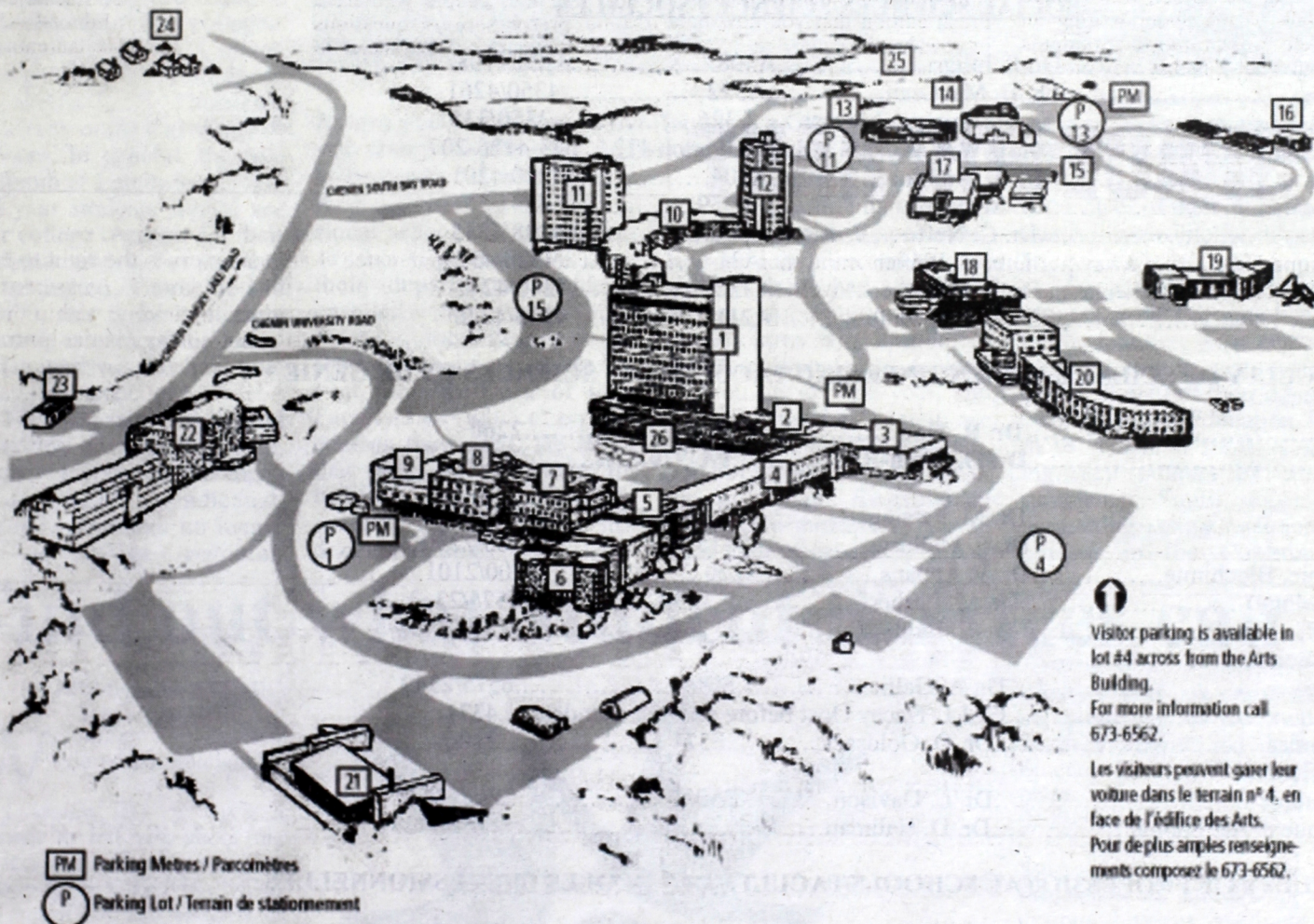


Neil Zacharjewicz / LAMBDA

The courtyard is a popular gathering spot for many of the students and staff during the warmer seasons.



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• Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM)
(Temporary Location)
École de médecine du Nord de l'Ontario (ÉMNO)
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LU, Science North to offer Canada's first graduate program in Science Communication

Sudbury is about to become the first place in Canada where students can study for a Graduate Diploma in Science Communication. Laurentian University and Science North, Sudbury's highly respected science centre, are joining forces to offer a one year program in the public communication of science, that is now only available in Australia and Europe. The program will start in September 2005 following its approval by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies on June 24.

Students will take courses at Laurentian University and

at Science North. These will cover subjects like learning theory, science and society, and rhetoric as well practical aspects of communicating science to the public using media such as electronic technology and exhibits.

Enrollment will be limited to 15 students each year to ensure that everyone receives personal mentoring and is able to participate in individual projects that suit their interests. All students will be eligible for scholarships and other financial support. Places are still available for September 2005.

Dr. Judith Woodsworth, President of Laurentian University, congratulated all those involved in developing the program saying, "This is not only a creative idea but it is also a wonderful example of cooperation and team building between two institutions. Even though we are neighbours, we have different mandates and working out how to teach a graduate program together required great persistence and vision by all concerned."

Mr. Jim Marchbank, CEO of Science North, emphasized that no other science centre in North America is involved in a partnership of this kind. "Science North has always been a leader and I am sure this program will draw students from around the world, not just from across Canada and the United States."

Dr. Rizwan Haq, Dean of Science and Engineering at Laurentian University, pointed out that "Even with the unique combination of faculty from several different departments in the University, this program would not have been possible without the experience and skills at Science North. Offering this Diploma is only the first achievement of a partnership that I believe will soon have an international reputation."

The program will be directed jointly by Dr. David Pearson from Laurentian University and Chantal Barriault from Science North. Ms. Barriault is a graduate of the Master's in Science Communication Program at the University of Glamorgan, in Great Britain. Dr. Pearson, earth sciences professor at Laurentian and founding Director of Science North, was awarded the 2003 McNeil Medal of the Royal Society of Canada for science communication. Alan Nursall, Science Director at Science North, will be teaching in the program. Mr. Nursall is a regular contributor to the Discovery Channel and since 1997 has hosted a weekly science column broadcast across Canada.

ACADEMIC ADVISORS / CONSEILLERS D'ÉTUDES

FACULTIES OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES / FACULTÉS DES HUMANITÉS ET DES SCIENCES SOCIALES

		Room/Sale	Ext./Poste
Dean/Doyen.....	Dr. D. Dennie.....	A301.....	4302
Vice-Dean.....	Dr. M. Orr.....	L711.....	4348
Vice-Doyen.....	Dre. C. Rabier.....	A315.....	4329

HUMANITIES/HUMANITÉS

Classical Studies.....	Dr. L. L'Allier.....	Thorneloe 246.....	1052-30
Communication publique.....	Dr. M. Mbonimpa.....	U. of S.....	673-5661 301
Communication studies.....	Prof. A. Hood.....	Huntington-123.....	673-4126-212
English.....	Dr. T. Gerry.....	L 716.....	4340/4344
Ethics/Éthique.....	Dr. B.W.W. Aitken.....	Huntington-112.....	673-4126-207
Études françaises et de traduction.....	Pre/ R. Corbeil.....	L628.....	4305-4315
Fine Arts Program.....	Dr. Y. Hirota.....	Huntington.....	673-4126-216
Folklore.....	Dr. J-P. Pichette.....	U. of S. - 316.....	673-5661-306
Modern Languages/Langues modernes.....	Dr. N. Cheadle.....	L739.....	4336/4274
Music.....	Dr. C. Leonard.....	Huntington 117.....	613-4126-214
Native Studies.....	Dr. E. Faries.....	U. of S. 101.....	673-5661-410
Joint Dept. of Philosophy.....	Dr. R. Nash.....	L739.....	4336/4351
Philosophie (Université de Sudbury).....	Dr. L. Pelletier.....	U. of S.....	673-5661/314
Joint Dpt. Of Religious Studies/Sciences religieuses.....	Prof. D. Joblin.....	Huntington.....	673-4126-204
Religious Studies (Huntington).....	Prof. D. Joblin.....	Huntington.....	673-4126-209
Religious Studies (Thorneloe).....	Dr. B. Ward.....	Thorneloe.....	673-4126-209
Religious Studies (University of Sudbury).....	Dr. G. Bonneau.....	U. of S.....	673-5661-316
Theatre Arts.....	Dr. V. Senyk.....	Thorneloe.....	1052-27
Women's Studies.....	Dr. A. Levan.....	Thorneloe.....	1052-26

SOCIAL SCIENCES/SCIENCES SOCIALES

Anthropology.....	Dr. P. Julig.....	A308.....	4220/4108
Economics.....	Dr. B. MacLean.....	A322.....	4350/4261
Geography/Géographie.....	Dr. R. Étongué-Mayer.....	L326.....	3350/3351
Gerontology/Gérontologie.....	Dr. B.W.W. Aitken.....	Huntington 112.....	673-4126-207
History/Histoire.....	Dr. L. Ambrose.....	A204.....	4200/4201
Labour and Trade Union Studies.....	Dr. M. Steedman.....	A359.....	4241
Law & Justice/Droit et Justice.....	Dr. C. Neff.....	A308.....	4108/4335
Political Science/Science politique.....	Dre. C. Rabier.....	A314.....	4320/4329
Psychology/Psychologie.....	Dr. E. Levin.....	A222.....	4240/4242
Sociology/Sociologie.....	Dr. R. Bagaoui.....	A211.....	4215/4226

FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING/FACULTÉ DES SCIENCES ET DE GÉNIE

Dean/Doyen.....	Dr. R. Haq.....	F319.....	2260
Vice-Dean/Vice-Doyen.....	Dr. O. Abou-Rabia.....	FA-376.....	2339

Behavioural Neuroscience.....	Dr. M. Persinger.....	S126 & A227.....	4826/4824
Biology/Biologie.....	Dr. F. Mallory.....	S615.....	2285/2290
Chemistry. Biochemistry/Chimie, Biochimie.....	Dr. V. Appana.....	S220.....	2100/2101
Earth Sciences (previously Geology).....	Dr. M. Leshner.....	F 323A.....	6575/2363
Engineering.....	Dr. G. Baiden.....	F. 232.....	2240/2195
Environmental Earth Science/ Sciences de l'environnement de la terre.....	Dr. A. Gallie.....	S619.....	6575/2349
Forensic Science.....	CALL Tracey Oost before sending a student.....		4371
Liberal Science/Sciences Libérales.....	Dr. D. Goldsack.....	F321.....	2106
Mathematics and Computer Science/ Mathématiques et Informatique.....	Dr. L. Davison.....	FA382.....	2310/2347
Physics and Astronomy/Physique et Astronomie.....	Dr. D. Hallman.....	F519.....	2220/2231

FACULTY OF PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS/FACULTÉ DES ÉCOLES PROFESSIONNELLES

Dean/Doyen.....	Dr. A-M. Mawhiney.....	L337.....	3203
Vice-Doyenne.....	Dre. C. Boudreau-Larivière.....	B-245.....	1003
Vice-Dean.....	Dr. P. Pickard.....	B-228 D.....	1027

Arts d'expression.....	Pre. M. Azzola.....	E129A.....	5018
Commerce.....	Dr. R. Mulholland.....	F418.....	2121/2123
Commerce and Computer Science (E-Business Science).....	Dr. J. Dodge.....	FA383.....	2141/2310
Education.....	Dre. C. Larocque.....	E101.....	5001/5004
Education (Concurrent 4-year D.Ed program).....	Dr. J. Lundy.....	L305.....	4286/4287
Human Movement/Activité Physique.....	Dr. S. Knox.....	B.F. Avery Phys. Ed. Centre.....	1090/1036
Midwifery/Sages Femmes.....	Dr. S. James.....	Health Sciences 123.....	3951/357
Native Human Services Program.....	Prof. C. Partridge.....	U. of S. 354.....	5082/5051
Nursing/Sciences Infirmières.....	Dr. E. Rukholm.....	L934.....	3800/3808
Social Work/Service Sociale.....	Dr. D. Matheson.....	U. of S. 359.....	5056/5058
Sports Administration/Administration des sports.....	Dr. C. Lefroy.....	B.F. Avery, B217.....	1024/1011
Sports Psychology.....	Dr. W. Jerome.....	B.F. Avery, B232.....	1017

REGISTRARS OF FEDERATED COLLEGES/SECRÉTAIRES GÉNÉRAUX DES COLLEGES FÉDÉRÉS

Huntington College/Collège Huntington.....	Prof. D. Joblin.....	673-4126 (204)
Thorneloe College/Collège Thorneloe.....	Dr. I. Maclellann.....	673-1730 (24)
University of Sudbury/ Université de Sudbury.....	M. J. Dennie.....	673-5661 (317)

The above list of Academic Advisors was compiled on November 23, 2004 and represents the most current active list available.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

How to find your Academic Advisor

Seek advice about your class choices to ensure you have the right credits

BY NEIL ZACHARJEWICZ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Sometimes finding academic advice at Laurentian University can prove difficult.

"We have a very confusing system here," admitted Registrar Ron Smith. Still, Smith pointed out that the vice-presidents at the university are taking steps to address the problems. In the meantime, however, Smith had some advice to help new first-year students navigate the hallways of the university in search of the knowledge they need.

"In practice, part of the problem is that students don't know who their academic advisor is. Even if they do know, they may not go," he said.

When students enroll at Laurentian, they are required to choose one of four colleges: University College (Laurentian), College of Arts and Sciences (Huntington), College of Business and Economics (Thorneloe), or the University of Sudbury. In general, the rule of thumb at Laurentian is that first-year students should see their college registrar for their academic advice. For students at Huntington, Thorneloe and U of S, this is fairly straight forward, as each of the federated universities has their own college registrar.

For students enrolled at University College, however, things are a bit more complicated, Smith indicated, because Laurentian no longer has a college registrar.



Neil Zacharjewicz / LAMBDA

Before you head down to the Registrar's Office to register for your courses, it is advisable you check in with your Academic Advisor to ensure you are taking the right courses to ensure you can graduate.

Students enrolled in a professional school, Smith suggested, should go to the office of their department. Students enrolled in the Social Sciences, the Sciences or the Humanities, however, should visit the Vice-Dean of their Faculty for advice on the courses they need. He noted that there are vice-deans for both the English and French-speaking members of the student population.

While students are not required to pick a specialization until their second year of studies, Smith had a piece of advice for students who already knew what specialization they intended to declare: "If you are in first-year, and you already know you are going into a specific program, you might just skip on up to the department." He explained that once a student has chosen their area of specialty, then it

is the chair of their department that is responsible for dispensing academic advice.

For part-time students, the process is further complicated by the fact that some students do not even visit campus, opting to take all of their courses via Continuing Education. For those part-time students taking their courses by correspondence, Smith suggested contacting their academic advisor in the Continuing

Education office.

Smith indicated this system works fairly well for students who are only seeking advice about what courses to take, but for students who are thinking of changing programs, he advises a visit to Student Services.

"(When seeking advice on changing programs,) you get into the boat of where to go if you don't know what program you want to get into," Smith said.

He noted Student Services offers aptitude tests that can help students to discover where their strengths may lie. Once the student has an idea of what program they want to be in, then it is simply a matter of tracking down the office of their new department of choice for advice.

In the case of some larger schools of study, such as Commerce, Nursing and Human Kinetics, Smith noted that the chairs of the department often delegate the responsibility of dispensing academic advice to professors who are knowledgeable in the specific streams of education being offered within the department. Still, as a general rule, Smith suggested, "one can never go wrong by starting off in the office of the chair of the department."

Smith offered one parting suggestion to students seeking assistance: "If you want academic advice, you need to call and make an appointment with your academic advisor."

Find out what Student Services can do for you

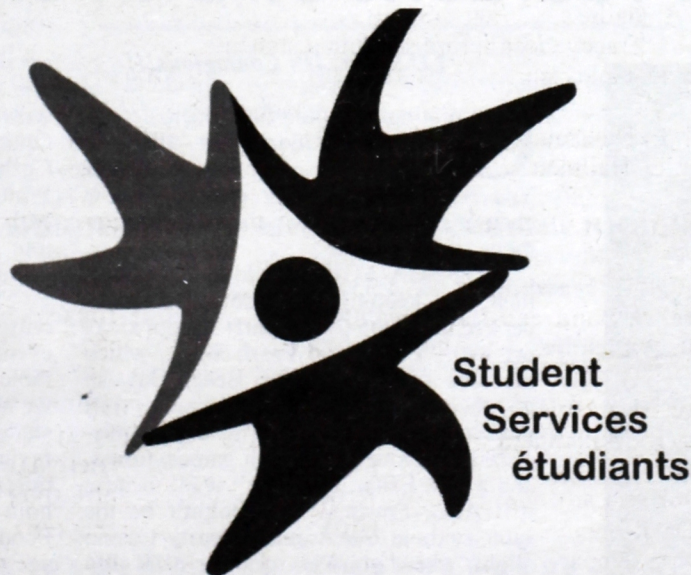
BY MELISSA BRAZEAU
FOR LAMBDA

Welcome New Laurentian Students!

I would like to take a moment to tell you about the services our office has to offer. To begin, our office is divided into the following sections to help serve you better:

The Counselling and Resource Centre provides individual counselling related to career planning, academic skills and matters of a personal concern. Workshops on career planning, stress management and sexual issues are also available. Our resource centre includes a library on university and college programs, careers and job-search skills, study skills and overseas opportunities.

The Placement Centre helps students find employment by offering employment counselling, on-campus recruiting for summer jobs and graduating students as well as employment listings of local, national and overseas postings. You may also register for part-time, summer and permanent work or visit the workopolis website for online postings. For more information, please call (705) 673-6598.



The Special Needs office gives counselling to those with disabilities and offers support services and equipment. The office provides advocacy on behalf of students with disabilities and has policy development and public awareness programs. For more information, please call (705) 675-4806.

The Students Helping Students is a new project designed for first time Laurentian students who are liv-

ing off-campus. It teams upper-year student Mentors with new students. If you are a first time student coming to Laurentian and are a little worried about your upcoming school year, then Students Helping Students could be perfect for you. Students Helping Students will begin with the fall semester focusing on the first month of classes. This is where students tend to have the most difficulty making the transition into uni-

versity life. If you are interested, please go to the Student Services website and find the Students Helping Students link under Services: www.studentservices.laurentian.ca

Furthermore, the Student Services Office is responsible for coordinating the various services available to students, which includes the following activities:

The 1st year Orientation team has an entire calendar of events planned for the new students. The team will also be around campus helping students feel more at home. The website allows you to chat with fellow new students and to ask questions even before arriving: www.orientation.laurentian.ca

The Peer tutoring program encourages students to help their peers by paying tutors for their efforts. This service is free to participants. Students who are experiencing academic difficulties are encouraged to apply for a tutor early on in the semester. Applications are available at the Student Services offices in L-210.

The Writing Assistance Program is located in the Learning Commons (J.N. Desmarais Library). This pro-

gram is designed to help students with their writing assignments in all disciplines and can assist in a very wide variety of writing areas. You may make an appointment by calling 675-1151, extension 3426 (for English assistance) or extension 1070 (for French assistance).

Off-Campus Examinations are available for students who are taking classes from another university or for students interested in taking entrance exams, such as the LSAT. Please call 673-6506 for more information.

For academic counselling (how to choose classes, change programs, etc.), please see your department secretary to find out the name of your academic advisor because each department has their own academic advisors. The counselors in the Student Services Office do not help with course selections or course changes.

Come by our Office in the R.D. Parker Building room L-210 (down the hall from the Bookstore) to see what we are all about and ask about our September Draw!

For more information, please visit our website at www.studentservices.laurentian.ca or call (705) 673-6506.

SGA/AGE

SGA/AGE QUICK FACTS

The Students' General Association/ L'Association generale des etudiant(es) is the largest student union at Laurentian University, serving over 4,000 members.

The SGA/AGE is also the only student association on campus to offer bilingual service.

What does the SGA/AGE offer?

- Fax Service
- Purolator Courier at discounted rates
- Funding for recognized clubs
- IMAGINUS Poster Sale
- Student Centre
- LAMBDA Newspaper
- CKLU 96.7 FM Radio
- Students' Common Room
- Pub DownUnder (Owned and operated by SGA/AGE)
- SGA/AGE Scholarships and Bursaries
- 24-hour Photo Developing
- Mall Bus
- Grad Photography (SGA/AGE pays sitting fee)
- Free Legal Advice (2 times per year)
- Income Tax Preparation Service
- Student Advocacy and...much much more

What events does the SGA/AGE hold?

- Frosh Week (Including Beach Day, Charity Casino Night and Karaoke)
- Frosh Week Concert
- Charity Ball
- Winter Carnival
- Poker and Nintendo Tournaments
- Speakers (including Sue Johanson)
- Curling and Bowling Tournaments
- Movie Nights
- Pub Nights and Special Pub Events
- National Students' Week of Action
- Financial Awareness Week
- Alcohol Awareness Week
- AIDS Awareness Week
- Public Forums and debates
- Among many others...

How do I become an SGA/AGE member?

To become an SGA/AGE member, fill in the yellow sheet that was sent to you as a part of your registration package or you can e-mail us at sga@laurentian.ca (705) 675-1151 Ext: 6547

SGA AGE

The SGA/AGE has remained the largest and strongest association representing students at Laurentian for the past forty-four years.

Broadly stated, the purpose of the SGA/AGE is to provide comprehensive representation, services, cultural enhancement and entertainment to the student body at Laurentian University. Funded by its student members, the SGA/AGE is a collective voice and its resources apply to students' needs and interests, as well as existing to promote the welfare and desires of its student members. Through input into academic planning, procedures and policy at Laurentian, the SGA/AGE provides political representation for students at the institutional, municipal, provincial and federal levels of government.

SGA/AGE President bids you welcome



LUKE NORTON

"I feel confident that the upcoming year is going to be a very enjoyable one for you all."

Welcome to Laurentian!

I hope that you have all had a great summer and that you are getting excited for your first year of university. First of all, I would like to congratulate you for choosing Laurentian. Although it is a small university, Laurentian has a lot of unique benefits, such as the beautiful campus landscape, an on-campus beach, fantastic student-to-teacher ratios, and a tight-knit student community. I feel confident that the upcoming year is going to be a very enjoyable one for you all.

In order to make sure that happens, the Students' General Association/Association générale des étudiantes (SGA/AGE) is here to make sure that your needs as students are being met. Throughout the school year we will be putting on great social events for you, so that you can come out and have some fun while meeting your fellow students. We have a big Frosh Week planned for you, including a Beach Day filled with fun and games, a Charity Casino, and, of course, a big Welcome Back concert featuring a great band. Other events we have planned for the year include a winter carnival; our annual Charity Masquerade Ball; bowling, curling, and other tournaments; and some guest speakers including Sue Johanson from Sex with Sue.

The SGA/AGE also offers a host of other services to help you out throughout the year. Our office, located in the heart of

the student centre, offers free resume faxing, discounted Purolator services, 24-hour film development, a prescription drug plan with free delivery, a mall bus for residence students, income tax preparation, and even free legal advice once a semester. The SGA/AGE also owns and operates the Pub Downunder, the student newspaper LAMBDA, and an alternative radio station called CKLU (96.7 FM).

The other service that the SGA/AGE provides to you is advocacy. As the largest student association at Laurentian, as well as the only bilingual one for full-time students, we have student representatives on all of the university's decision making bodies and committees. Students just like you vote at these meetings and speak up to ensure that our rights are being taken into consideration. The SGA/AGE also helps students with appeals, in the odd chance that you feel you have been treated unfairly by a professor or by the university.

So, as I have said, the role of the SGA/AGE is to ensure that your year here at Laurentian goes as smoothly as possible. We are here to make sure that there are plenty of activities to keep you entertained, and plenty of support to make sure that you can adjust to university life smoothly and easily.

See you all in the fall!

Luke Norton, President
sgapresident@laurentian.ca

From Vice-President of Student Services



SHANNA DENIS

"You only live once, and university will go by in a blink, so join us and get down LU style!"

LU Spirit...It's Contagious!!!

Greetings! I would first like to extend a warm welcome to all new Laurentian University Students! You have just officially entered a new chapter in your life, so join in the excitement and have fun!

The SGA/AGE will add to this excitement by keeping your social calendar packed this 2005-2006 year!! School kicks off with "LU Spirit" Frosh Week, which includes a Hawaiian Luau Beach Day- so go ahead and wear that Hawaiian shirt your mother bought you! This day promises to blow your mind, with games, prizes, and a free BBQ...you won't want to miss it!!! Also, Frosh Week wouldn't be the same without our Annual Charity Casino Night, where you can try your hand at a variety of casino favourites to win some awesome prizes and support a great charity.

But that's only the beginning. Check out this edition of LAMBDA, where you will find our entire September calendar of events. These calendars will also be available every month in our office and a colossal calendar will be located in the Student Centre. Oh! Don't you worry! There will always be something happening on campus and we promise to keep you informed!

Just in case you thought September was crazy, wait until you see what we have for you next! As the months roll on, so do the events. Just to give you a teaser, here

are some of the events we have planned for you this year: Ultimate Tournament, Sex with Sue, Imaginus Poster Sale, Flag Sale, Open Mic Nights, Karaoke Nights, Curling Funspiel, Pokers Tournaments, Winter Carnival, Charity Ball, etc. and with over 40 clubs on campus that you can join, boredom is a word we don't understand at Laurentian!

The fun doesn't stop here! Oh no! Not only does the SGA/AGE offer you great events that will surely become a memorable part of your university experience, we also offer a variety of services for our students including Purolator delivery and faxing at reduced rates, income tax preparation, legal advice, student health plan, 24 hour photo developing, SGA/AGE Foodbank, and so much more! We encourage you to take advantage of these wonderful services, as they are made available for your convenience and pleasure!

You only live once, and university will go by in a blink, so join us and get down LU style! Show us your LU spirit and spread the fun!

For more information on the SGA/AGE and our 2005/2006 calendar, visit us at www.sga.laurentian.ca or if you have any questions or comments, please e-mail me at vpsservices@laurentian.ca, I would love you hear from you!!!

Shanna Denis
Vice President - Student Services

SGA/AGE

Still vacant positions on 2005/06 SGA/AGE Board



VP - ISSUES

SGA Open positions:

If you want to get involved and make your voice heard at this University, in the community, the province, or even all the way to Parliament Hill, the SGA/AGE has openings on their elected Board of Representatives, and would love to have you as a part of their team.

The Vice-President Issues works closely with the Canadian Federation of Students in order to stand united with over 400,000 students across this country who are all committed to making education a right, not a privilege. This position is a part-time paid position working 20 hours per week and will be decided upon in a bi-election in early October.

An SGA/AGE Senator represents the SGA/AGE membership at the University Senate level. This volunteer position liaises between the SGA/AGE Board of Directors, the University Senate

and the student body as a whole. This position will be decided upon in a bi-election in early October.

There are also openings for commissioner positions in **Francophone Affairs** and **International Students**. These volunteer commissioners work with other commissioners and the Board of Directors to ensure that their constituencies are represented within the University. These positions will be decided upon in a bi-election in early October.

The SGA/AGE Board of Directors has representatives from all academic departments, residences and councils. Each volunteer representative voices the concerns of their constituents to the Board and then reports back to them.

For any information on these, and any other positions, please contact Luke Norton, SGA/AGE President at 675-1151 ext. 1062 or sgapresident@laurentian.ca.

GSA President shares a few words

If you are a student enrolled in the graduate program here at Laurentian University, pat yourself on the back. You are of the less than 5% of Canadian students that strive for higher education with graduate studies! Furthermore, you should be essentially proud to have chosen an institution that is renowned for exceptional teaching and learning, innovative research and unique vision!

In view of this vision, Laurentian University's graduate programs are flourishing. In the past year, several new Doctoral and Master's degree programs have been introduced in diverse and fascinating fields of research. In the fall of 2005, over 400 full-time and part-time students will be enrolled in graduate studies at Laurentian. These are exciting and opportune times for graduate students at this institution!

As a full-time or part-time graduate student at Laurentian University, you are a member of the Graduate Students' Association (GSA). The GSA Board of Directors represents graduate students and consists of an executive council and representatives from each department. I am very excited to be returning as President of the 2005-2006 GSA Executive Council and will be working with a very energetic and efficient team including Ryan Mailloux (Vice-President), Kelly Lippert (Social Convener), and Quoc Hao Mach (Liaison Officer/Webmaster).

One of the objectives of the GSA is to develop social functions for the benefit of members. In the past year, GSA members have participated in such events as paintball tournaments, golf excursions, pub nights, off-campus social events, and the GSA

Annual Christmas Formal. As well, graduate students paddled their way to victory in the GSA "Masters of the University" dragon boat races at the 2005 Dragon Boat Festival by raising over two thousand dollars for the Sudbury Manitoulin Alzheimer Society Capital Campaign.

"As well, the GSA works hard to promote the interest and welfare of its members. The GSA acts as a united body on various councils and organizations such as Laurentian University's Board of Governors, Senate, Graduate Studies Council, and many others."

**- Sarah Elsasser
GSA President**

The GSA also supports and encourages graduate students to attend academic activities relating to their studies. Members of the GSA are eligible for a travel grant to offset costs of participating in an academic conference in their field of study that is located more than 100km away from campus. Students can apply if they are presenting an oral or poster presentation and submission of an abstract is required in advance.

As well, the GSA works hard to promote the interest and welfare of its members. The GSA acts as a united body on various councils and organizations such as Laurentian University's Board of Governors, Senate, Graduate Studies Council, and many others.

Moreover, all members are covered by the GSA/SGA health plan. This plan covers 80% of prescription drugs and additional family members may apply to opt in. Members who already have similar coverage may apply to opt out of the prescription benefit. In addition to the health plan, members may receive athletic therapy for musculoskeletal (athletic/sporting) injuries through Laurentian University Voyageur Athletic Clinic.

In the upcoming year, the GSA would like to ensure the continued momentum of this dynamic organization. We will kick off the new academic year with a barbecue to coincide with Graduate Student Orientation Day on Tuesday, September 6, 2006. The barbecue will be held at 5p.m. at the arboretum (off the walking path in between the Fraser building and "the pit" parking lot). Other GSA social events will be held throughout the year and will be announced through GroupWise web-mail and posted on the GSA website (www.laurentian.ca/gsa).

To make sure we are providing the services and support that you, our members, need, it is important to get as much input from you. An effective student voice requires an active student body, so we would like to hear from you, through email (GSA@laurentian.ca), or a phone call (ext. 4356), a visit to the GSA office (SCE-211) or even better, by joining the GSA as a representative!

We look forward to meeting, talking and working with you all. Best of luck in your graduate studies, and have a great year!

Cheers!

**Sarah Elsasser
GSA President**

New co-op option combines learning and practice

As of September 2005, students registered in Laurentian University's French-language Honours Bachelor of Commerce program will benefit from a new co-op option that will combine study sessions with placement in business. This new component will benefit students and northern Ontario business leaders since it will incorporate theory and practice, giving students the opportunity to apply their knowledge to the business world, acquire work experi-

ence, as well as earn some money.

The co-op option will be offered to full-time students registered in the French-language commerce program who maintain a grade average above 70%. The program includes two placements: one 14-16 week period and one 28-32 week period. Participants will earn university credits for their experience and will not be delayed in their studies towards an Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree. By following the Co-op

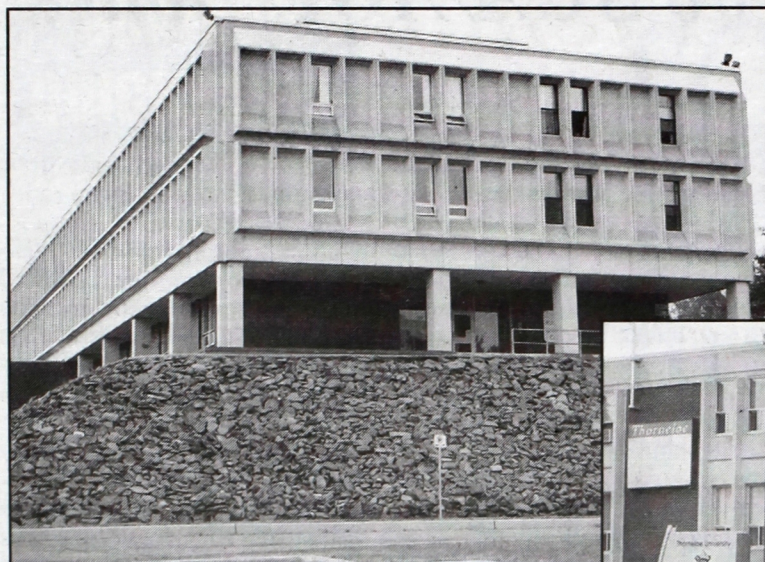
option, students gain one year of work experience and enhance their employment perspectives when they graduate.

Laurentian's School of Commerce and Administration will develop partnerships with businesses in the area and the province to offer interesting and well-compensated placements. It will also be possible for students to arrange for a placement outside of the Sudbury area, the province or the

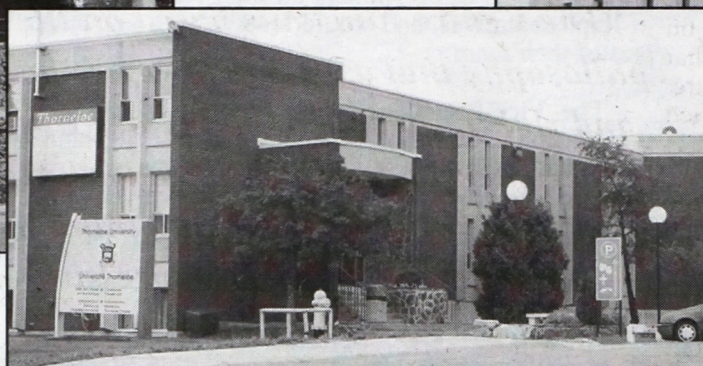
country. It is expected that about 30 students will participate in the program during the next two years.

For more information, please call Mr. Louis Durand, placement coordinator and commerce professor at Laurentian University, at (705) 675-1151, ext. 2159 or Dr. Yves Robichaud, coordinator of the French-language commerce program at Laurentian University, at (705) 675-1151, ext. 2145 or commerce_coop@laurentian.ca.

CAMPUS SERVICES & NEWS



Laurentian boasts three federated universities... the University of Sudbury (right), Thorneloe University (below), and Huntington University (left).



Laurentian International continues to grow

Laurentian International is located on the 8th Floor of the RD Parker Building.

HISTORY

Prior to July 1999, Laurentian International dealt mainly with non-profit development aid projects, funded by CIDA, such as in Mauritius and in China.

In 1999, Laurentian International was reorganized under the umbrella of Laurentian Inc., and given an entrepreneurial, for-profit mandate.

Laurentian International recruitment efforts had to start from virtually zero. In 1999, Laurentian had a total (for all years) of 39 fee-paying and non-paying exchange students. In 2000, that had increased to around 60 for all years. We are pleased to announce that there are currently 434 international students from 46 countries at Laurentian University.

LAURENTIAN INTERNATIONAL: A RESOURCE CENTRE

As part of Student Services, Laurentian International is, first and foremost, a RESOURCE CENTRE for both university students and the community at large. We receive and distribute funding opportunities from outside agencies, as well as house information and materials to address the interests and needs of international and Canadian students.

Secondly, Laurentian International is a SOURCE OF PROGRAMS aimed at both international and Canadian students alike. Ranging from orientation week, study abroad information sessions, to International Student Activity Program, language exchange club activities, Speak Up! and international student workshops, these programs provide enhanced services to students along with a chance to explore skills, cross-cultural understanding and global awareness.

ADVISORS are available at Laurentian International for a wide array of issues affecting international students. Advisors most often deal with issues such as immigration, cultural adaptation, health insurance and academic concerns and for those which interest Canadian students, whether it be work, travel or study abroad.

OUR PROGRAMS

Laurentian International is bustling with international student programs and projects, including the following:

English for Academic Preparation (EAP)

Students who do not meet Laurentian's English language requirement may enroll in our in-house English for Academic Preparation program. Students must meet the requirements for each level in order to qualify for admission to undergraduate studies. This program has added many advantages: the students get used to Canada and the university, in addition to learning English and acquiring study skills.

Exchanges

Laurentian students can study abroad while enhancing their education by participating in one of the numerous exchange programs offered at Laurentian. Our university is currently hosting 20 exchange students from 7 different countries. Some of the exchange programs available for qualified Canadian students are situated in France, Italy, Mexico, Germany, Ireland, Japan and Spain.

Housing

Laurentian International provides on campus, as well as off-campus services to international students

Homestays

International student live with a local family for a minimum of 6 months. There is a monthly fee of \$500.00, which includes a furnished bedroom and meals. International students are able to improve their English skills.

Laurentian International

Volunteer Program

International and Canadian students volunteer a minimum of 2 hours/week with such responsibilities as greeting and directing clients, assisting students in renewing immigration documents, filing, research, etc. Upon completion, students receive a reference letter, a certificate of appreciation and are invited to a volunteer appreciation lunch.

ISAP (International Student Activity Program)

Under the Work/Study program, an LU student (Canadian and/or International) is hired as the ISAP coordinator. Their contract begins in September and comes to an end in April. The ISAP coordinator works 10 hours/week, Organizing 3-4 activities/month for international students.

The ISAP coordinator is responsible for the promotion and advertisement of the student activities.

Buddy Program

Current LU Canadian and/or international students volunteer their time to assist new international students upon their arrival and throughout the year, if need be. If the peer supporter is an international student, he/she is linked with a new student from his/her Country of origin. This is a great program for Orientation Week.

Host Family Program

Through the Host Family program, International stu-

dents spend a day with a local family, taking part in such activities as dinner, lunch, biking, hiking, camping, boating, fishing, card/board game, shopping, etc.

Globe Trotter Program

International students and exchange students represent their country of origin by exhibiting its culture, history, food, clothing, music, etc. with the Laurentian community through a 1-hour presentation. The Canadian students whom have studied abroad are also invited to share their experience.

Speak Up! Forum

These forums are held on a quarterly basis, and serve as an opportunity for all students, international and Canadian alike, as well as any LU staff or faculty, to meet and discuss issues concerning international students.

EAP tutoring program

Two EAP tutors whom assist EAP students, after class hours, in developing their English speaking, reading and writing skills

Recruitment: How do students hear about LU?

Laurentian International provides liaison information services to International students interested in coming to Laurentian University. We actively recruit both overseas and local international students for EAP, undergraduate and graduate programs.

Education Fairs and School Visits

As part of our recruitment initiative, we attend a number of fairs internationally, to explore the local markets and to wave the Laurentian flag. During these visits, representatives may have the opportunity to make school visits, which are an effective means of presenting Laurentian University to a captive audience. This year, Laurentian International representatives will visit Egypt, Bangladesh, Turkey, China and Mexico.

We also work with the LU Liaison Office in the recruitment of international students currently attending Ontario high schools.

Consultants

Laurentian International currently has working agreements with several overseas consultants. These consultants advertise study abroad opportunities to local students and are then hired by the students to assist with the required application and immigration processes.

Website

Many students have learned about LU by visiting the Laurentian International website at www.international.laurentian.ca. Our website hosts information in English, French, Turkish, Chinese and Spanish. Students may apply to our English for Academic Preparation and undergraduate programs online.

Laurentian to offer transition program for students with a learning disability

Laurentian University's Special Needs Office is proud to offer the LIFT (Laurentian Initiative for Transition) program for students with a learning disability. This program, intended for students entering any university this fall, is free and will run for three weeks from August 15 to September 2, 2005. It will be offered on the Laurentian campus.

New students will benefit from this program by becoming equipped with information

and skills that will enable them to succeed at university. Specifically, students will learn study skills such as time management, note-taking, essay writing and effective reading as well as test and exam preparation. Students will also be introduced to the latest in computer software programs designed to assist in all areas of reading and writing.

The deadline to register for this program is July 29, 2005. People are encouraged to apply early since enrollment is limited.

CAMPUS SERVICES

LU's Women's Centre: A feminist hub

BY KIRSTY BOURRET
REVISIONS BY
SHAILAGH KEANEY
& SIMONE de SATIN

Like a whole bunch of other people, I'm sure you've wondered what a Women's Centre is, and what it can do for you. Laurentian's own kickin' Women's Centre can answer some of these questions for you.

HOW TO LEARN MORE

Of course, the Laurentian University Women's Centre has an open-door policy. This space and most of its resources are available to all people from the Laurentian community. Feel free to stop by the Centre during working hours. A Centre member will be glad to answer any of your questions. The Centre is located at Room L-221 in the Parker Building (that's the tall one).

SOME QUICK POINTS

ABOUT US

The Centre is mostly volunteer-run by Laurentian

University students. When you volunteer, you have the opportunity to take part in the Centre's decision-making body: our fabulous collective. A collective is a non-hierarchical group where all members have an equal say on decisions that affect the Centre. Any self-identified woman student is invited to join.

Just like you, the women involved in the Centre come from unique experiences and backgrounds. We are graduate and undergraduate students majoring in Chemistry, Nursing, Philosophy, Midwifery, Social Work, English, Film, Women's Studies . . . the list goes on. We play baseball, bike, swim, fish, knit, canoe, do yoga, walk on stilts and sing to our heart's content on makeshift stages. We are artists, musicians, photographers, professional firedancers, mothers,

friends, lovers and much more. We come from all over the country and the world, speak various languages and are all ages.

The Women's Centre

"The Centre functions based on the philosophy that as women, we are best and rightfully able to define our own experiences, needs and objectives. We aim to work, congregate and think in unprejudiced and non-oppressive ways, which jive with the uniqueness of all women and their experiences."

offers both staff and students free condoms, lube, information and referrals, workshops seminars and various other events throughout the year. Come and check out our growing library! There is also access to magazines, films, journals and zines. Did we mention that we also sell Keepers? (If you don't know what they are . . . it is a good

opportunity to come in and check one out). Don't forget that all of our events, except for a few discussions groups, are open to and welcome all genders. Oh, and don't miss

our awesome radio show on CKLU that is run by volunteers.

In order to volunteer, you don't necessarily have to partake in the collective.

Volunteers work a few hours in the Centre a week, keeping the Centre open for visitors, organizing events, working on discussion groups, doing Centre promotion, sitting on committees and / or writing articles about the Centre. Here, we only ask for what you are willing to give, and support you in your initiatives.

At the Centre, we work to educate and raise campus community awareness of all forms of discrimination including overt and

systemic forms. On a more personal level, we strive to expand knowledge and perspectives on feminism and how it interplays on campus and in our communities.

Don't forget that we have the warmest, cosiest Women's Only Space in the back of our Centre, where grrrls can read, chat, have tea or coffee (provided for free) or just hang out in their spare time. Our space is also unique as it serves the purpose of a safe place for women to debrief and seek solutions. It is also a comfortable space for women who need a nap and to nurse their babies.

Finally, the Centre functions based on the philosophy that as women, we are best and rightfully able to define our own experiences, needs and objectives. We aim to work, congregate and think in unprejudiced and non-oppressive ways, which jive with the uniqueness of all women and their experiences.

Come check us out in Room L-221 in the Parker Building. Or, drop us a line at women_centre@laurentian.ca

Welcome to Laurentian and have a fabulous feminist year!!!

New Textbook Return Policy For Fall 2005 at LU Bookstore

New textbooks for the **Fall 2005** semester can be returned in their original, perfect condition with the original register receipt for a full refund until **September 30th**.

Shrink wrap packages must be intact in their wrapping with the Bookstore's price sticker still on them.

After **September 30th**, new books may be returned in their original, perfect condition for a full refund with the original register receipt within **two (2) business days**.

Used textbooks can be returned with the original register receipt until **September 16th**.

After **September 16th**, used textbooks may be returned for a full refund with the original register receipt within **two (2) business days**.

Refunds will be given in the same method of payment in which the original sale was made.

Course packs are final sale items, therefore no returns will be accepted.

Clothing and school supplies can be returned in their perfect, original condition with the original register receipt within **two (2) business days**.

LU's Health Services provides on-site attention for medical concerns

LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES MISSION STATEMENT:

Laurentian University Health Services has as its mission the promotion, restoration and maintenance of optimum health of the Laurentian University community. Student Health is our priority. We define health as the state of complete physical, spiritual, occupational, intellectual, social and emotional well being. We strive for excellence in the provision of our services.

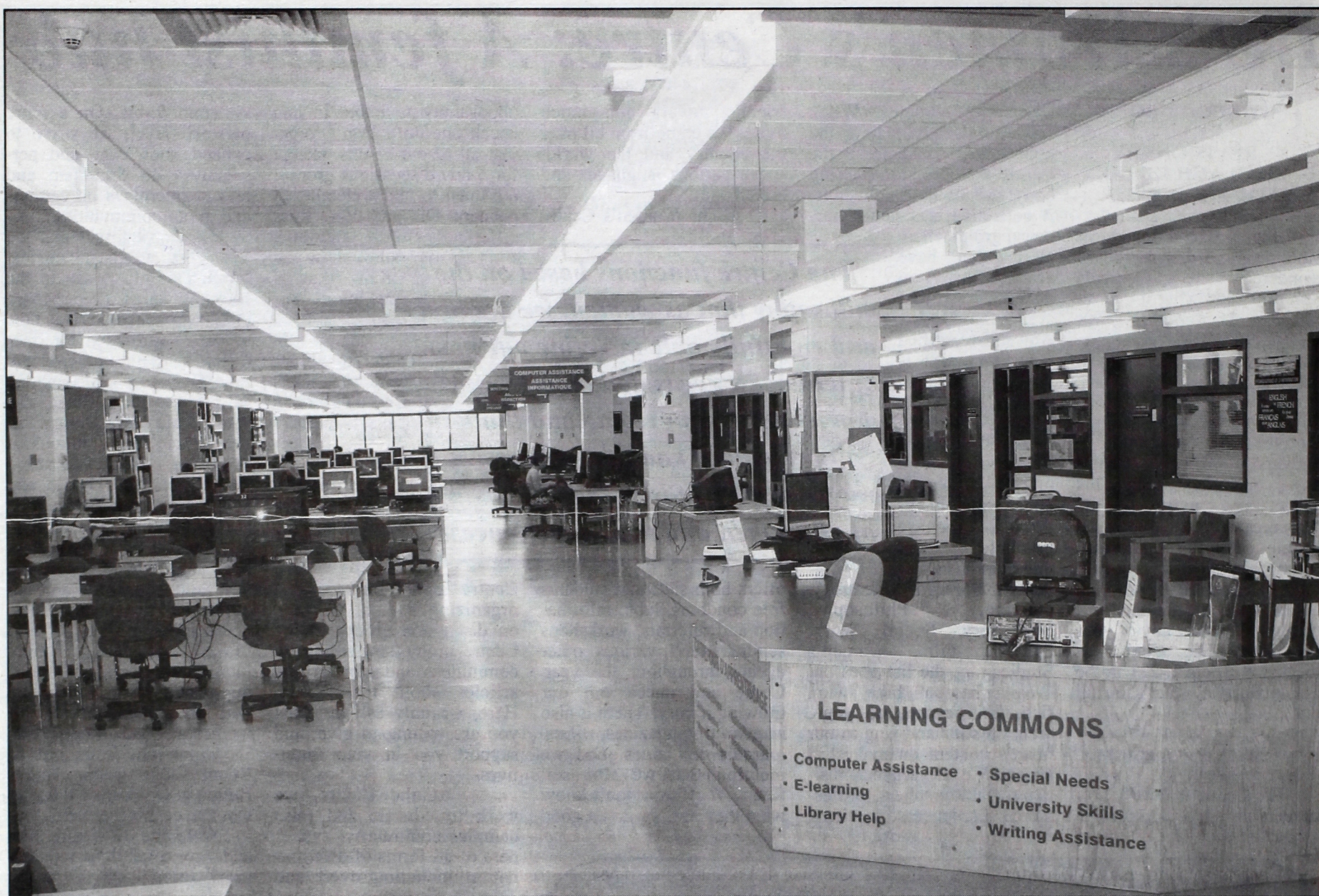
Health Services offers private consultations and assessments with Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioners or a Physician. It also offers a referral service, an acute walk-in clinic, blood pressure monitoring, laboratory services, a wart clinic, over-the-counter medication, an allergy desensitization clinic, an immunization program, vaccines for preventable diseases, as well as Mono and Strep A testing.

Health Services also serves students dealing with Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), offering testing, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and confidential HIV/AIDS testing and counselling.

Family Planning services are also included in Health Services mandate, including consultations, pregnancy test, prescriptions, free birth control samples and free condoms. There is also a loan cupboard, for crutches, bandages, and other such supplies, as well as first aid kits, which can be replenished for a minimal cost.

Health Services is planning a number of events for September, including an event entitled 'Risky Business,' dealing with the consequences of Drinking and Driving. Guest speakers will be on-hand from the Ministry of Transport, Greater Sudbury Police Services, and FOCUS. Also in the works is the 'Sex, Reproduction and Birth Control' Presentation, featuring guest speaker: Lyne Rivet, a registered nurse. Finally, a yet-to-be-scheduled 12-week Beginner Medication Class is also slated for the new school year.

LEARNING COMMONS



Neil Zacharjewicz / LAMBDA

Boasting the largest computer lab on campus and access to a number of centralized services, the Learning Commons in the J.N. Desmarais Library is one of the most cutting-edge facilities among Canadian universities.

LU offers cutting-edge library

Learning Commons a one-stop educational centre for students

BY NEIL ZACHARJEWICZ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The J.N. Desmarais Library has always been one of the focal points of Laurentian University, but with the opening of the new Learning Commons last fall, that point has only become even more accurate.

More importantly, however, the Learning Commons has propelled Laurentian to the forefront of educational library services in the province.

"I think we are pretty close to being cutting edge for Learning Commons across the province," suggested Ashley Thomson, chair of the Department of Instruction and Information Services. "That is my hope; that we become a benchmark for university libraries."

The concept of a Learning Commons is fairly new on the university scene, with only a handful of Canadian universities having bought into the idea. The Learning Commons concept is based on the idea that services which enhance student learning should be centralized in one area. Essentially, the Learning Commons is a "one-stop shopping" centre for student learning.

Thomson first came up with the idea following a visit to Dalhousie University last year to deliver a speech. It was there that Thomson got his first look at a Learning Commons – and he was inspired.

"I came back here sort of pumped about the idea," he admitted. While it took some time to get the project rolling, Thomson wrote up a report on the emergence of Learning Commons in Canadian universities, and suggested it was something Laurentian should consider.

Then, an amazing thing happened within the university.

"Nobody objected, which is kind of astonishing (in a university setting)," Thomson laughed.

There were several reasons the Learning Commons seemed to be the ideal development for Laurentian. The first factor was the amount of duplication between print and electronic journals. Collapsing the library's journal selection, to avoid duplication, only seemed to make sense.

Thomson pointed out that it is much easier to print off an online journal than it is to photocopy from a book, so copies of the texts of all of the journals that were also available in an electronic format were moved into storage, to create more room in the library.

"The second factor (behind the move to the Learning Commons) was the changing university environment," Thomson indicated. He said that, with the advent of the common desktop on the university computers, it only made sense to have all of the computer assistance people in the same area. With the addition of 11 more computers since it first opened, the Learning Commons is now the largest computer lab on campus, Thomson noted.

Still, one of the major reasons for the strong show of support for the Learning Commons project was that it fit well with the University's Strategic Plan. In the strategic plan, priority has been given to ensuring that, ideally, all graduates should be computer literate, writing literate, and information literate. To ensure this was possible, it only made sense to have all of the support services in the same area.

"In one way, it is the initiative that will potentially benefit the most number of students," Thomson stated. He also noted that the project was felt to be attractive to recruiting and retaining students at Laurentian University.

The project cost the university approximately \$475,000, particularly since much of the facility had to be renovated and rejuvenated. Now, the computers have all been centralized in an effort to turn the

third floor into more of a quiet area, Thomson explained.

The Learning Commons is now home to the library staff, Computer Services, Special Needs, the Writing Assistance Program, the Group Peer Tutoring Program and more. There is an area set aside for eLearning, as well as for the Assistive Technology lab.

Another by-product of the move to the Learning Commons was the creation of more jobs, which has allowed the library to stay open until 10 pm. As well, the librarian's office is set up to interact with the students better.

Thomson admitted one of the major tests for the facility will be the traffic flow, but he indicated he had received word from several of the departments within the Learning Commons that they were seeing an increase in activity.

"I suppose you would have to say the response is pretty good," he said. "This facility is the direct result of our strategic planning. Our goal is to be the most student-focused university in Canada. In the Learning Commons, students can meet all their learning needs, with easy access to specialized employees providing fundamental skills in writing, information and computer literacy. The Learning Commons will enhance teaching and learning at Laurentian, and ensure the academic success of our students," noted Laurentian University President Dr. Judith Woodsworth.

Associate Vice-President of Student Affairs Denis Mayer also voiced his support for the project.

"The Learning Commons will enable the University to remain at the forefront of technology-assisted teaching and online learning. It will also support the integration of appropriate learning technologies in the teaching and learning process," he said.

SPORTS

OUA SPORTS UPDATE

The sport of women's golf will officially become part of Ontario University Athletics (OUA) this September. The decision was carried with overwhelming majority by the OUA Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting held in Huntsville last month.

For the past several years, women's golf has been considered an invitational sport within the OUA. With the growth and popularity among women in the sport, the OUA saw a steady growth in participation and will have eight schools competing this fall for the inaugural OUA championship.

Other decisions arising from the meeting included the discontinuation of the women's sport of indoor hockey. Under OUA guidelines, a sport requires a minimum of four competing teams to remain in the league. With two of the five competing institutions withdrawing from the sport for next season, indoor hockey was removed from the OUA.

After a three-year layoff, Royal Military College will return to OUA men's rugby this September. RMC has a storied history in men's rugby, dating back to the 1880's, claiming 11 national championships since 1911. Other school's entering sports include, Laurentian University in men's golf, while the University of Ottawa will enter men and women's golf, as well as rowing.

There were also several decisions regarding championship hosts for 2005-06 season, including the move to the renowned Fletcher's Field for the 2005 OUA men's rugby championship. In conjunction with Rugby Canada and the Ontario Rugby Union, the OUA will be moving the championship off-campus for the first time to one of the top rugby facilities in the nation. It was also decided that Lakehead University will host the OUA wrestling championship in March 2006.

In men's hockey, the Board of Directors voted to increase the number of regular season league games to 28, starting in the 2006-07 season. It was also determined that the OUA would adopt the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) men's hockey rule E.5 which allows players to wear half-visors, provided that an internal mouth guard is also worn.

Comprised of 18 institutions, including Laurentian University, Ontario University Athletics (OUA) is the governing body of university sport in Ontario. Each year 9,000 student-athletes compete for 40 provincial championships in 23 sports. For more information on Ontario University Athletics, please visit our web site at www.oua.ca.



LAMBDA

Even if Varsity or Intramural sports aren't for you, that doesn't mean you can't get out and enjoy some good athletic fun. Watch for events throughout the year such as the annual SGA/AGE Curling Bonspiel.

LU intramural program wins fourth successive achievement award

Laurentian University's Department of Active Living was recently awarded the 2005 Canadian Intramural and Recreation Association of Ontario's "Outstanding Intramural Achievement Award" in the University category. By claiming this award, Laurentian University is has been rewarded for the quality of its intramural/recreation programs offered to its student body. This is the fourth year in a row that Laurentian has claimed this prize.

This coveted award recognizes the quality and variety of the intramural/recreation activities at

Laurentian that promote fun, physical activity, inclusion and cooperative participation. It also values the participation of students in some form of leadership capacity. As a recipient of this award, Laurentian will receive a banner, which will be displayed prominently in the University's Athletic Building.

During the last academic year, Laurentian University's Department of Active Living's Intramural Sports Program counted 18 sports programs. About 1,700 students participated in individual, team or life-skill activities.

A unique feature of Laurentian's program is that

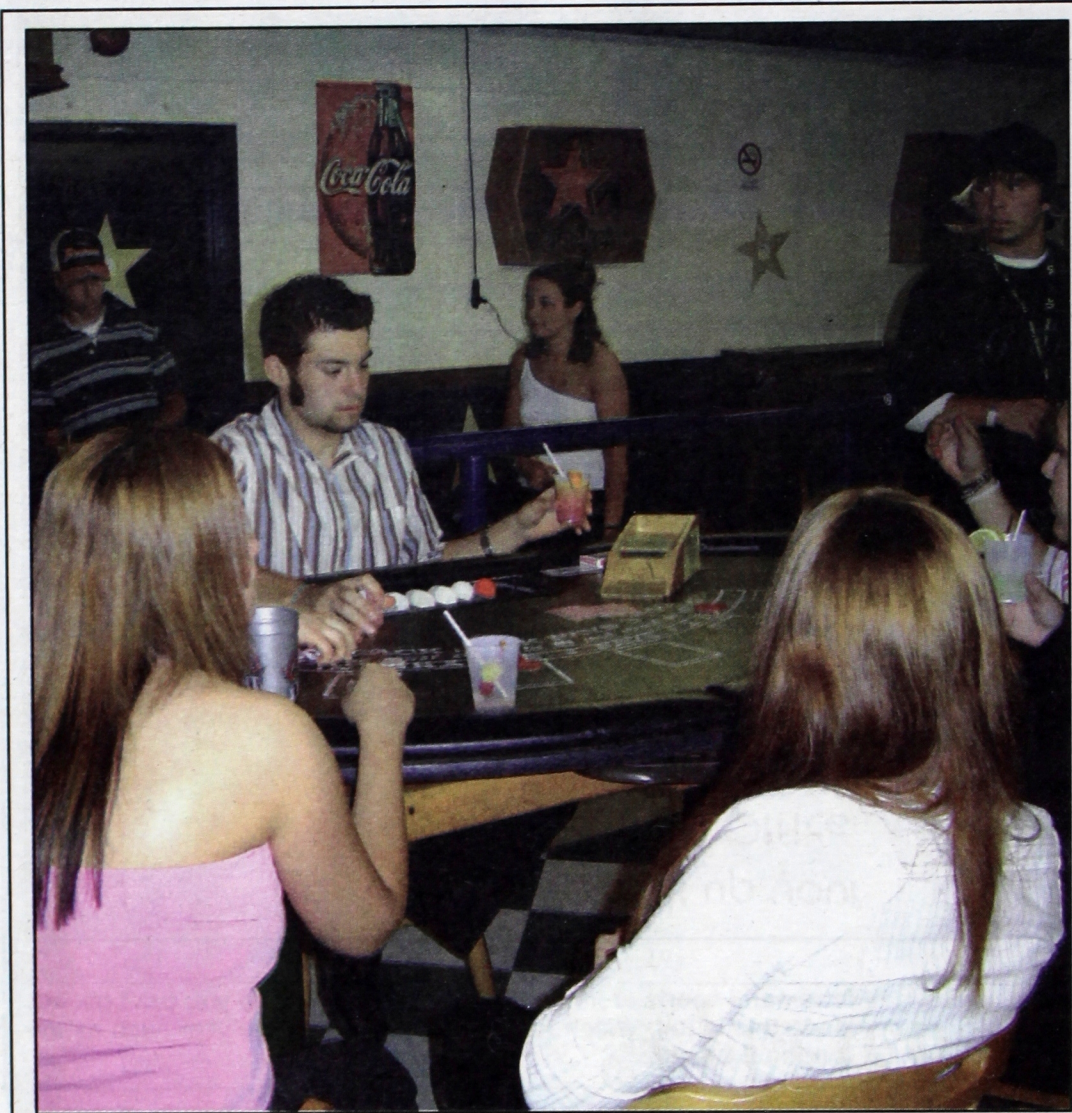
it is operated by students and depends on student leadership. In addition to the Intramural Coordinator, the program relies on the expertise of two fourth-year student mentors, 53 student convenors, 108 officials and 50 volunteers.

By offering the multifaceted Intramural Sport Program, LU's Department of Active Living encourages students to engage in fitness and recreational activities. This program targets enjoyment, participation and sportsmanship. It boasts a wide scope of activities to address the varied levels of skills and personal interests of participants.

TENTATIVE INTRAMURAL SCHEDULE FOR 2005-2006 (For Full and Part Time Students)					
SPORT	REGISTRATION DATES	EVENT DATE(S)	TIME	SITE	TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETINGS
OUTDOOR SOCCER [COED] LIMIT - 20 TEAMS, \$20/team	MON. SEPT. 12 TO FRI. SEPT 16	SAT & SUN OCT 1 & 2 NO RAINDATE	10AM - 6PM	LU FIELDS	WED. SEPT. 28
BEACH VOLLEYBALL #1 [COED] LIMIT - 12 TEAMS, \$20/team	MON. SEPT. 12 TO FRI. SEPT 16	FRI. SEPT. 23	2PM - 6PM	LU COURTS	WED. SEPT. 21
BEACH VOLLEYBALL #2 [COED] LIMIT - 12 TEAMS, \$20/team	MON. SEPT. 12 TO FRI. SEPT 16	FRI. SEPT. 30	2PM - 6PM	LU COURTS	WED. SEPT. 28
BASKETBALL [WOMEN'S] LIMIT - 16 TEAMS, \$20/team	MON. SEPT. 12 TO FRI. SEPT 16	SEPT. 15 - NOV. 24 TUES. AND THURS.	9PM - MIDNIGHT	BEN AVERY BUILDING	WED. SEPT. 14
BASKETBALL [MEN'S] LIMIT - 16 TEAMS, \$20/team	MON. SEPT. 12 TO FRI. SEPT. 16	SEPT. 15 - NOV. 24 TUES. AND THURS.	9PM - MIDNIGHT	BEN AVERY BUILDING ALPHONSE RAYMOND	WED. SEPT. 14
MODIFIED 4X4 VOLLEYBALL LIMIT 24 TEAMS, \$4/person	MON. SEPT. 19 TO FRI. SEPT. 23	SEPT. 26 - OCT. 26 MON. AND WED.	9PM - MIDNIGHT	BEN AVERY BUILDING	WED. SEPT. 21
DOUBLES BADMINTON [COED] LIMIT - 24 TEAMS, \$4/team	MON. OCT. 10 TO FRI. OCT. 14	SAT. NOV. 5	10AM - 2PM	BEN AVERY BUILDING	WED. NOV. 2
INDOOR SOCCER [COED] LIMIT - 24 TEAMS, \$20/team	MON. OCT. 31 TO FRI. NOV. 4	JAN. 3 TO JAN. 26 MON. TO THURS.	9PM - MIDNIGHT	BEN AVERY BUILDING	WED. NOV. 9
3X3 BASKETBALL [MEN'S] LIMIT - 8 TEAMS, \$5/player	MON. OCT. 31 TO FRI. NOV. 4	SUN. JAN. 15	10AM - 4PM	BEN AVERY BUILDING	WED. JAN. 11
3X3 BASKETBALL [WOMEN'S] LIMIT - 8 TEAMS, \$5/player	MON. OCT. 31 TO FRI. NOV. 4	SUN. JAN. 15	10AM - 4PM	BEN AVERY BUILDING	WED. JAN. 11
3X3 BASKETBALL [COED] LIMIT - 8 TEAMS, \$5/player	MON. OCT. 31 TO FRI. NOV. 4	SUN. JAN 15	10AM - 4PM	BEN AVERY BUILDING	WED. JAN. 11
X-COUNTRY SKIING [COED] UNLIMITED, No Charge	MON. JAN. 9 TO FRI. JAN. 13	FRI. JAN. 27	1PM - 3PM	LU SKI TRAILS	NO MEETING
VOLLEYBALL [COED] LIMIT - 36 TEAMS, \$20/team	MON. JAN. 9 TO FRI. JAN. 13	JAN. 31 TO MAR. 9 TUES. AND THURS.	9PM - MIDNIGHT	BEN AVERY BUILDING ALPHONSE RAYMOND	WED. JAN. 25
INNERTUBE WATERPOLO [COED] LIMIT - 8 TEAMS, \$20/team	MON. JAN. 16 TO FRI. JAN. 20	FRI. FEB. 10	1PM - 3:30PM	LU OLYMPIC GOLD POOL	WED. FEB. 8
WATER BASKETBALL [COED] LIMIT - 8 TEAMS, No Charge	MON. JAN. 16 TO FRI. JAN. 20	FRI. MAR. 3	1PM - 3:30PM	LU OLYMPIC GOLD POOL	WED. MAR. 1

For more information contact: 675-1151 Ext. 1018 or 1002 or intrasport@laurentian.ca

FROSH WEEK



If this looks like fun to you, then you are in for a real treat when the SGA/AGE hosts its Roaring Twenties Charity Casino Night, just one of the many fun events held during Frosh Week.

LAMBDA



LOCS welcomes first-year students to Laurentian

Well, here we are, a new year about to begin; welcome back to the returning students and just plain welcome to the new. This is a message from your LOCS; for the most part, it is just a hello from us, and a brief outline of the events that we are planning for the orientation week. The itinerary for the week shapes up with the LOCS booth at the Information Fair, to be held in the Great Hall on Saturday, September 3rd and Sunday, September 4th. LOCS will also host an Orientation Frisbee Tourney on Tuesday, September 6th, in the afternoon, starting at noon in the fields outside of the Ben Avery Building. You will not want to miss the LOCS Barbecue, which will take place on Saturday, September 10th, from 11:30 pm until 3 pm at Bell Park. Other events that we are promoting are those being held by the SGA/AGE, including the SGA/AGE's Hawaiian Beach Day, to be held at the LU Beach on Monday, September 5th. Also scheduled for that day is the FROSH Play, to be held in the Fraser Auditorium. On Tuesday, September 6th, check out the SGA/AGE Casino Night, to be held in the Pub Downunder. Thursday, September 7th will feature a P.J. Movie Night in Room C-309, and Friday, September 8th will be the SGA Campus Clean-up event. Should you have any questions about the orientation week or any other concerns pertinent to off-campus living, please contact us by phone at (705) 675-1151 ext. 1063, or by e-mail at locs@laurentian.ca. Good luck with the year to come, don't work too hard and remember that you are only going to have as much fun as you let yourself, so be active and get involved.

F.C. Silman

September 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Don't forget to pick up your Frosh Kit in the SGA Office						
Info Only Great Hall 10am-3pm Frosh Play 4pm	SGA Hawaiian Luau Beach Day and BBQ 11a-3pm Frosh Play 4pm	ROARING TWENTIES CHARITY CASINO NIGHT 8PM-12AM	Frosh Party in the PUB!!! 8pm-12am	LITTLE LU THEATRE MOVIE NIGHT 8PM-12AM	CAMPUS CLEAN-UP 1PM-3PM	Info Only Great Hall 10am-3pm Karaoke Great Hall 9pm-12pm
			CLUB 10AM-4PM BOWLING ALLEY	DAYS 4PM		
SGA ULTIMATE TOURNAMENT 11AM-3PM		SGA FLAG SALE September 26-October 7			CLUB PACKAGES DUE!! Health Package Opt out Deadline	